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For : VANILLIN POLYMERS FOR USE IN DARKENING THE SKIN

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being transmitted to the USPTO via the electronic filing system in accordance with 37 CFR 1.6(a)(4).

/Sylvia G. Brown/
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